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REFS: (A)GENEVA 2755; (B) GENEVA 2687; (C) STATE 080350;
(D) CONGDON,TURRENTINE TELECON APRIL 15.

1. U.S. REP. IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
IN CCD INFORMAL SESSIONS ON CTB SCHEDULED TO BEGIN APRIL
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BEGIN TEXT:

IN PROCEEDING TOWARD THE ULTIMATE GOAL EXPRESSED BY
PRESIDENT CARTER IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, THE ELIMINATION
OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THIS EARTH, THE UNITED STATES
IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING AND CONCLUDING A

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. A CTBT WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ENDING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, AND WOULD PROVIDE A MORE STABLE FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF PROGRESSIVE REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR ARSENALS. A CTBT WOULD ALSO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE BY HELPING TO REDUCE THE FEAR OF TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGHS ON THE PART OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WHICH COULD UNDERMINE INTERNATIONAL

SECURITY. FINALLY, A CTBT WOULD ALSO BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR COMMON AND DETERMINED EFFORT TO AVERT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES. FURTHER PROLIFERATION, WE BELIEVE, WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN DESTABILIZING ARMS COMPETITION AND A GREATER THREAT OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR ON BOTH A REGIONAL AND GLOBAL SCALE.

RESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE CLEAR HIS INTENTION TO SEEK AN IMMEDIATE END TO NUCLEAR TESTING. IF THIS DETERMINATION IS SHARED BY OTHERS WE STAND READY TO BEND EVERY EFFORT TO BRING A CTB INTO BEING.

THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH EARLY DISCUSSIONS, INITIALLY WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AIMED AT ESTABLISHING COMMON GROUND FOR MOVING TO MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CCD. THE QUESTIONS OF VERIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ARE CLEARLY TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED. THESE WILL BE EXPLORED IN OUR DISCUSSIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS ARE WELL KNOWN AND THERE IS NO NEED TO ELABORATE THEM HERE. IT SHOULD SUFFICE TO REITERATE THAT WE SEEK AN ADEQUATELY VERIFIED, COMPREHENSIVE, BALANCED TREATY WHICH PRECLUDES POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES TO EITHER SIDE.

WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT A TRULY EFFECTIVE CTB AGREEMENT SHOULD BE THE PRODUCT OF A COOPERATIVE AND THOROUGH PROCESS IN WHICH THE VIEWS OF ALL GROUPS OF STATES ARE TAKEN ADEQUATELY INTO ACCOUNT. THIS IS THE REASON FOR OUR EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CCD, A BODY IN WHICH A LIMITED, BUT REPRESENTATIVE, NUMBER OF NATIONS CAN PARTICIPATE IN A FULL AND MEANINGFUL WAY.

WE ARE CONVINCED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL SECURITY IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM THE SECURITY OF ANY OF ITS PARTICIPANTS, BUT WOULD JOINTLY LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER QUALITATIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR ARMS

RACE WHICH MIGHT BE DESTABILIZING. IT WOULD BE A TRULY
SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD HALTING AND REVERSING THAT ARMS
RACE.

WE ARE FURTHER CONVINCED THAT, IF WE CAN AGREE TO A
TRULY COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, WE SHALL GREATLY ENHANCE
THE GOAL OF HALTING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
A CTB WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE COMMITMENT OF THE NUCLEAR
WEAPONS STATES TO LESSEN THEIR RELIANCE ON SPIRALING

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS TO INCREASINGLY ADVANCED
WEAPONS SYSTEMS. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE SUCH A COURSE
WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN FULFILLING OUR OBLIGATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

IN THE U.S. VIEW, A CTB IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
STEPS ON THE PATH TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, AND, AS
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PRESIDENT CARTER HAS INDICATED, WE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
BEGIN CONCRETE STEPS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE.
LET US THEN CONTINUE OUR PROGRESS TOWARD THIS END, AND
THEREBY TOWARD CONSIGNING THE WORLD'S FEARS OF NUCLEAR
WAR TO THE DISTANT PAST.

END TEXT.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH PARA. 3, REF. A, THAT USDEL
SHOULD PROVIDE SOVIET DEL IN ADVANCE WITH TEXT OF
STATEMENT. AS WILL BE APPARENT, IT TREATS SUBJECTS OF
PNES AND VERIFICATION VERY BRIEFLY AND IN NON-CONTROVERSIAL
MANNER. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SOVIETS COULD BE PERSUADED
TO TAKE SIMILAR APPROACH ON THESE SUBJECTS.
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